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Application No.

09/815,731

Applicant(s)

HOFFMAN ET AL.

Examiner

F. Ryan Zeender

Art Unit

3627

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1. ☐ The Notice of Appeal filed on _____ is not acceptable because:

(a) ☐ it was not timely filed.

(b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the appeal was not submitted. See 37 CFR 1.17(b).

(c) ☐ the appeal fee received on _____ was not timely filed.

(d) ☐ the submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b) is \$_____.

(e) ☐ the appeal is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.191 in that there is no record of a second or a final rejection in this application.

(f) ☐ a Notice of Allowability, PTO-37, was mailed by the Office on _____.

2. ☒ The appeal brief filed on 10/07/2004 is NOT acceptable for the reason(s) indicated below:

(a) ☐ the brief and/or brief fee is untimely. See 37 CFR 1.192.

(b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief has not been submitted. See 37 CFR 1.17(c).

(c) ☐ the submitted brief fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The brief fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c) is \$_____.

The appeal in this application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. ☐ The appeal in this application is DISMISSED because:

(a) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief as required under 37 CFR 1.17(c) was not timely submitted and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136 has expired.

(b) ☐ the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136 has expired.

(c) ☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on _____.

(d) ☐ other: _____

4. ☐ Because of the dismissal of the appeal, this application:

(a) ☐ is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.

(b) ☐ is before the examiner for final disposition because it contains allowed claims. Prosecution on the merits remains CLOSED.

(c) ☐ is before the examiner for consideration of the submission and prosecution has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

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12/22/04* d) See attached sheet:

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d) Continuation: An amendment after final was received on October 1, 2004. The amendments to the claims were entered by the Examiner and the amendments did not affect the rejection of the claims. The Appellant's Brief received October 10, 2004 did not incorporate the amendments to the claims in the Appendix. It is requested the applicant submit an amended Appeal Brief reflecting the entry of applicant's October 1, 2004 amendment.

The applicant is given a **1 month time period** to correct the deficiency.

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